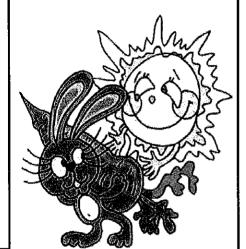
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Producers and Consumers

A **producer** is a living thing that makes its own food from sunlight, air, and soil. Green plants are producers who make food in their leaves.

A **consumer** is a living thing that cannot make its own food. Consumers get their energy by eating food. All animals are consumers.

A **decomposer** is a living thing that gets energy by breaking down dead plants and animals. Fungi and bacteria are the most common decomposers.



Tell whether each living thing below is a <u>producer</u>, <u>consumer</u>, or <u>decomposer</u>.

- a. apple tree -
- **b.** hawk -
- c. mushroom -_____
- **d.** carrot _____
- e. dragonfly -
- **f.** bamboo _____
- **g.** cougar _____
- **h.** bacteria _____
- i. daffodil -
- j. pigeon _____
- k. snake ______ I. catfish _____